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### DSN Phone change

Peterson Air Force Base will change to the Department of Defense standardized telephone-dialing plan beginning Saturday. Emergency numbers 911 and 117 will not be affected. Changes are as follows:

- To reach off-base numbers dial 99 plus the seven-digit number, instead of 9 and the number.
  - To reach long-distance numbers dial 98-1-area code-seven digits.
- DSN will be 94 instead of 81 or 88; priority and above access will require operator assistance.

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## *Knights repeat at Guardian Challenge 2001*

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21st Public Affairs

The 21st Space Wing Knights returned home May 11 to a heroes welcome after capturing top honors at Guardian Challenge 2001, Air Force Space Command's annual space warfighter competition at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., May 7-10.

The wing won the Aldridge Trophy, which is awarded to the best space operations wing, and also won awards for the best space operations crew, best security forces squadron and best space communications crew.

"Winning the Aldridge Trophy two years in a row is an outstanding accomplishment," said Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler, 21st Space Wing commander. "From the space operators to the chefs, each member of the team contributed to the wing's success at Guardian Challenge. My hat's off to all of the competitors. They each represent the hard work and warrior spirit of the 21st Space Wing."

The only space and missile competition in the Air Force, Guardian Challenge pits the best space warfighters in the command against each other, determining the top space and missile teams in the Air Force.

Nearly 200 competitors competed in several space and



Photo by Dennis Plummer

**Members of the 2001 Guardian Challenge team transport the Aldridge Trophy to its rightful resting place - the 21st Space Wing trophy cabinet. The team returned to Peterson May 11 to a celebration that included a victory drive down Peterson Boulevard and concluded at the officer's club. See additional competition photos, Pages 8-9.**

missile disciplines, including missile combat operations, satellite operations, remote space tracking, security forces, helicopter operations, food services, spacelift and missile maintenance and communications, and missile codes.

"You are the best in the world at what you do," said Gen. Michael Ryan, Air Force chief of staff, in a keynote address at the closing ceremony May 10. "In this competition, there are no winners or

losers ... America is the winner."

The competition is the only peacetime opportunity for Air Force space wing teams to fully demonstrate the effectiveness of their mission training procedures in a competitive environment.

Competing units included the 21st Space Wing; the 30th Space Wing from Vandenberg; the 45th Space Wing from Patrick AFB, Fla.; the 50th Space Wing and 310th Space

Group from Schriever AFB, Colo.; the 90th Space Wing from F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.; the 91st Space Wing from Minot AFB, N.D.; and the 341st Space Wing from Malmstrom AFB, Mont. Also, Royal Air Force Fylingdales, United Kingdom, participated with the 21st Space Wing.

For more information and photographs from Guardian Challenge, go to the competition Web site at <http://www.vandenberg.af.mil/gc01>.

## *Space and Missile Systems Center to become part of Air Force Space Command*

The Space and Missile Systems Center, currently under Air Force Materiel Command, will become part of Air Force Space Command by Oct. 1, according to officials.

Realigning SMC under AFSPC consolidates space acquisition and operations functions in one organization under one commander—creating a strong center of advocacy for space systems and resources, according to Gen. Lester Lyles, commander, AFMC.

"This realignment will better meet operational requirements for space. Space priorities will be set by a single command - Air Force Space Command - ensuring the Air Force continues to pro-

vide quality stewardship for America's space assets."

AFSPC Commander Gen. Ed Eberhart said combining space acquisition and operations functions is an important part of the "transformation" of military space, as envisioned by the Space Commission.

"For example, the same people who acquire our satellites may later be flying those satellites. This closer working relationship will benefit the entire life cycle of a space system," General Eberhart explained. "Most importantly, blending these communities will grow space leaders who can better understand and translate technical and operational require-

ments into the world's premier space systems," he said.

The SMC realignment does not change the status or importance of Los Angeles Air Force Base, and command officials expect no changes in SMC's current mission of acquiring and sustaining America's quality space systems. There will be very limited physical movement of people and organizations as a result of the realignment. There could, however, be manpower and process changes as command responsibilities are reexamined and refined in ways that make "cradle-to-grave" space operations and acquisition as efficient, effective, and coherent as possible. (AFPN)

## Message from the 21st Space Wing commander

By Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler  
21st Space Wing commander

For the second year, Team 21 has shown its strength and teamwork during the Guardian Challenge competition. The result - we brought home the coveted Aldridge Trophy.

It was a great honor to attend last week's awards ceremony and hear time after time the 21 SW team called to the stage to accept another award. . . best cops, best comm, best ops. All your hard work paid off. It was truly a team effort. Although each of you were not able to be there in person,

we all know everyone in the 21st was part of the Guardian Challenge success. I thank you for helping our team come out on top.

And what great timing as we celebrate Armed Forces Week this week. This celebration is a chance for all of us to recognize our past successes and plan for our future opportunities. It is also a time for our communities and neighbors to learn more about their armed forces. In fact, this week the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce held a big event honoring nine members of our local armed forces.

Not only was this luncheon a great chance for our military members to be recognized by the local community, it was a fantastic opportunity for the community members to interact with some of our military's finest and most dedicated members.

So, as we finish Armed Forces Week and head toward Memorial Day weekend, which is another chance for us to honor those who have come before us, I want to thank each of you for your loyalty to our mission and for the sacrifices you and your family make everyday.

### Commanders call slated for June

Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler will conduct wing commander's calls June 7 and 8 at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the base auditorium. All wing members are invited to attend, however, commander's call is mandatory for military members.

## Top military leader lauds troops on Armed Forces Day

On the first Armed Forces day in 1950, President Truman called on Americans to recognize "the skill, gallantry, and uncompromising devotion to duty characteristic of the armed forces in the carrying out of their missions." Today, we continue this tradition as Americans are reminded of the hardships our service members willingly endure to keep this great country free and strong.

Our men and women in uniform share the spirit of service and devotion to duty that are the hallmarks of the profession of arms.

Like all who have carried the torch throughout our history, today's warriors bear the burdens that make our nation's blessings a birthright for all citizens.

While weapons and technology are important elements in our fighting ability, the magnificent men and women in each of the services remain the core of our military might.

Today, May 19th, belongs to those who serve in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard. I salute each of you for your dedication, sacrifice and faithful service. Because of you, America is safe, and millions of people worldwide now enjoy an unprecedented opportunity for lasting peace and freedom.

Gen. Henry H. Shelton  
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### Action line

#### Submitting Action Lines

The Action Line (556-7777 or by fax: 556-7848) is your direct link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice concerns over unsolved problems, share good ideas or provide some constructive criticism.

As a reminder, the Action Line is not a replacement for using your chain of command. Action Lines can help make the Peterson Complex and the wing a better place to live and work.

**Q.** Can something be done about the temperature in Building 1844, Room 113? For two days we have suffered a lack of heat in this room.

**A.** Thank you for bringing this to our attention. The particular problem you cited occurred after a planned power outage to upgrade the building's electrical system. Civil Engineer heating technicians worked to correct each discrepancy resulting from that outage the next day. As you may know, your office was originally a computer room. Because of



Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler

that, the air conditioning system was designed to cool a much greater heat load from computers. Since it has been converted to office space, our heating, ventilation and air conditioning technicians have been adjusting the air flow to correct for the difference. Unfortunately, the parameters of the original system won't permit any more adjustment. As a result, we have initiated a project to alter the system to more closely match the new heat load in your office. We are looking at the best way to accomplish the work and we will coordinate with your facility manager to make sure we keep you fully informed as we progress.

Your facility manager is Tech. Sgt. Mark Sampson, 556-8331, and the 21st Civil Engineer Squadron point of contact for the overall Facility Managers Program is Master Sgt. David Cherry, 556-4220. Thank you for your patience.

**Q.** Can there be a loading zone established in front of the Garden Shop? I have noticed the police sit there and wait for victims and ticket people who are pulling up in front of the Garden Shop to load their bags.

**A.** Thank you for your question and the opportunity to address the loading zone in front of the Main Exchange. There is a clearly marked loading zone in front of the Garden Shop and annex to the Main Exchange. A review of our police records

show that no parking citations have been issued to individuals loading there in the last three years. We have issued citations for people who have parked illegally in the loading zone and entered the store to shop. Our goal is to keep the loading zone clear to allow loading for AAFES customers. If you have any further questions, please call Master Sgt. Scott Barnhart, at 556-8177.

**Q.** Why doesn't a single military parent have priority on the base-housing list? You think it would be harder for a single parent to make ends meet.

**A.** Thank you for your concerns in this area. There are provisions for priority (out-of-turn) assignment to quarters for hardship reasons. The definition of "hardship" is "unique and unusual circumstances that are creating a situation more severe than what others are experiencing." To be considered for a priority assignment, a military member must be on the waiting list and submit a package to the Housing Flight outlining the situation and including back-up documentation.

A single parent might qualify for a hardship priority assignment based on their unique circumstances if they choose to submit a package. Approval or disapproval rests with the 21st Support Group commander. Please call Willie Carter, Assistant Chief, Housing Flight, at 556-7174 with any other questions.

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## Salute the world's finest air and space force

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Every morning I struggle to rise and prepare myself for a day of doing one of the greatest jobs I can imagine: helping to keep my family and home safe from possible enemies; helping defend the greatest nation in the world. Service in the military was something that never occurred to me as a possible occupation in my youth, but I found myself enlisting for numerous reasons and then struggling to earn a commission.

My routine is simple. I shower, I shave, I stub my big toe, I kiss my wife and son goodbye and off to work I go, feeling quite important because of the role I play. As I arrive at the main gate, in what always seems to be a rush, I experience the day's first and most humbling event: a salute.

A salute! Probably one of the most significant events — with all that one very simple gesture entails. The first person most of us interact with when we come to work is the security forces defender at the gate. Standing tall, looking sharp, rendering that simple gesture of respect, he or she sets the tone for an officer's day.

That salute is so much more than just a simple lift of hand to brow.

It says "Good morning. - I'm prepared for service, ready to follow what orders you have in defense of this nation. I stand vigilant and ready!" That simple salute can be quite overwhelming.

I've always considered myself a simple person doing my part in life. Now, as a United States Air Force officer, I have people looking to me for guidance and direction. I'm the guy who struggles to get up in the morning and stubs his toe almost every day. I'm no different from most. I struggle with my own personal issues, just like you. Now I'm on the receiving end of some very respectful salutes and all those gestures entail.

This role is quite a responsibility and one I take very seriously. Some day I may be required give one of the people who have saluted me direction that could endanger his or her life. I pray the day never comes when I would have to make a decision that though it favors the good of the nation would destroy an individual. That possibility is a terrible weight to carry, and I would face danger myself than inflict it on someone else.

As a father, I recognize that emotion as the same one I feel in wanting to protect my family. And those who look to me for direction should know that I consider them my family.

A salute, although all too often very nonchalantly rendered, carries a lot of weight. It says "I am prepared for direction; what are your orders?" I hope every officer feels something of that burden, and I hope every enlisted member can trust those in whose hands they place their lives each day.

That simple salute — that common courtesy — carries immeasurable responsibility. May we all render it well.

## We do defend the world - no one else comes close

**By Senior Airman Dean Witt**  
*368 Recruiting Squadron Public Affairs*

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah - The other day I walked into a restaurant on my way back from a school visit. There I met a man who served in the Army/Air Force during World War II. He told me stories about his time in the war and in the service. He was proud of what he had done. And then he thanked me for what I do. He thanked me for serving my country.

After I left the restaurant it dawned on me. I've always known that

serving my country through the Air Force is a great honor for me. But I also realized that it's a privilege, too.

I think a lot of America has forgotten what patriotism is. It's really not their fault. There have been no major wars for years. The economy has been booming for a decade.

I think it's important for us to know what patriotism is. It's important for everyone in the Air Force to know.

Every time we put on this uniform we are saying that no one is going

to hurt us or our families or the freedom by which we live. We are the best air and space force in the world and, considering the way wars are fought these days, we are undoubtedly the best service in the world.

We all have our own reasons for joining the Air Force, and for staying in or eventually leaving. But, no matter what those reasons are, we all serve to continue to make this Air Force the best the world has ever seen. Whether that means putting more quality men and women in the Air Force,

maintaining the jets that we use to deter potential enemies or doing things to ensure we all have a high quality of life, each of us works toward the same vision.

So be proud because you serve. As you all know, not just anyone can join our service. Stand tall, because without you and the hundreds of thousands serving across the globe, none of us would be free.

We are the world's protectors. No one else comes close.



### Asian Pacific American Heritage Luncheon

Above: Christian and Celina Gutierrez demonstrate a traditional Hawaiian dance for the crowd in attendance at the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Luncheon Wednesday at the Enlisted Club.

Left: Sharon Chen, reporter and fill-in anchor for KOAA TV here in Colorado Springs, was the guest speaker for the luncheon and spoke about her experiences growing up and the advances of Asians in society.

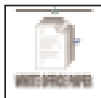
Far left: Christian Gutierrez entertains the crowd with another traditional Hawaiian dance.

Above right: Airman Aaron Wicker, Air Force Space Command Directorate of Personnel, attempts to keep up with Celina Gutierrez, as she performs a traditional stick game from the Philippines.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Gino Mattorano



## Recycling center relocated



The new household recycling drop-off center has moved from behind the commissary to the corner of Ent and Goodfellow streets.

An additional source-separated gondola and cardboard dumpster have been provided for customers' convenience. The new center accepts aluminum/tin, number 1 and 2 plastics, newspaper and cardboard.

### Base Recycling

Peterson Air Force Base has several recycling programs in place that recycle everything from used motor oil to aluminum cans. The following statistics from last year's recycled products illustrate the size of the base program.



- \* Over 101 tons of office paper
- \* 600 tons of cardboard
- \* 1 million pounds of asphalt
- \* 18.5 million pounds of concrete
- \* 2,200 gallons of motor oil
- \* 60 tons of household recyclables in MFH

### Military Housing Curbside Recycling

Recycle pickup is every other Tuesday in military housing. Residents who recycle are reminded to separate their recyclables and place them in colored containers. Acceptable products for curbside pickup include newspaper, plastics number 1 and 2 plastics and aluminum and tin cans. Trash does not go in the yard waste tote.

Compost and yard waste pickup will be every Monday through October 29. Base housing

residents should place yard waste in the burgundy compost containers. Compost containers containing trash will not be emptied by the contractor.

### Rules and Reminders

- \* Rinse aluminum and steel/tin cans and number 1 and 2 plastic containers thoroughly; it's all right to leave labels on.
- \* Any/all colors of plastics are acceptable.
- \* Newspapers, magazines and inserts are acceptable.
- \* Paper grocery bags are acceptable; bundle with newspapers at curbside.
- \* Chipboard (cereal boxes, shoe boxes, etc) is acceptable.
- \* Cardboard should be recycled at the recycling center.
- \* Plastic grocery bags can be turned in at the BX or in the plastics bin at the recycling center.
- \* Glass is no longer accepted for recycling.

For more information, contact Joe Partoll, environmental flight, at 556-1458, or see the 21st Civil Engineer website at <https://petecentral/cev/>. It is only accessible through 21Net.

## News in brief

### Team takes Knight

Kudos went to the 821st Space Group's mission support flight last week for earning the coveted Gold Knight award. Members of the flight include Master Sgt. Georgann Johnson, Tech Sgts Gerard Villalobos and James Cox, and Staff Sgts Matthew Golightly, LaTora Bryan and Scott Weston.

### Pay raise coming

Thanks to the fiscal 2001 National Defense Authorization Act, E-5s to E-7s with six to 26 years of service will tap into a pay raise July 1. Unlike last year's July 1 pay table reform where 75 percent of military

members saw a raise, this year's raise rewards promotion over longevity. However, the pay raise for January 1, 2002, in keeping with the economic consumer index, will be a minimum of 4.6 percent for all.

### Dedication set

The June 1 noncommissioned officer promotion/induction ceremony will take place at the 21st Space Wing headquarters flagstaff, west of Bldg 845, at 3:30 p.m., and will be held in conjunction with the dedication ceremony for the new wing flagstaff. For more information on the ceremony, contact Tech. Sergeant George Hinojos, 556-2108.

### Group reenlistment slated

Renew your commitment to

your nation and accept your oath of enlistment May 30 when Thunderbirds commander Lt. Col. John Venable administers the oath to reenlistees during ceremonies at Chapel Hills Mall.

The ceremony begins at 3:30 p.m. and required attire is service dress. For more information, contact the Peterson Air Force Base Career Assistance Advisor, Master Sgt. Laura Velasquez at 556-4824. Call by Wednesday to sign up for this once-in-a-career opportunity.

### Red Cross needs teens

The American Red Cross Youth Volunteer Program is underway and the Red Cross is seeking young-adult volunteers aged 14 or older as of June 1. Volunteers will be able to

work in a number of departments, such as at the Air Force Academy Hospital. For more information or to volunteer, call the Red Cross office at 556-7590.

### Van drivers sought

Volunteer van drivers are sought by the Disabled American Veterans of Colorado to drive veterans to the VA hospital in Denver from the Colorado Springs DAV service center. The 14-foot van departs the center at 8 a.m. and arrives back in Colorado Springs at about 4:30 p.m. Volunteer drivers must have current driver's licenses, have a good driving record, be insurable and be in relatively good health. For more information or to volunteer, contact Pat Corey or Greg Stark at 830-8005.

# 18th SPSS

## *Ever vigilant in the heavens*

By Lt Col G.T. Boyette

Commander, 18th Space Surveillance Squadron  
Edwards AFB, Calif.

As most of us probably know, our wing leaders just completed a new vision statement for the wing. Whether we've been in the Air Force for a few years or are near the finish, most of us have seen new vision statements published by our leadership.

Why? It's not because our leaders feel when they take over they must change things. It's because they had an opportunity to get a feel for their units and they are trying to get the rest of us to step back and think about the direction we've been heading.

The 21st Space Wing, with its geographically separated units and world-wide mission, is on top of its game. Since becoming the first Air Force Space Command wing to receive an "Outstanding" rating in 1999, this wing has had a full plate. Space Based Infrared System, the Clear Radar Upgrade and funding shortfalls are some of the many challenges the wing has faced. With all that goes on in this wing, from time to time we need to step back and examine why we do the things we do.

The 18th Space Surveillance Squadron is no different than any other in the 21st. Assuming command over a year ago, I took a look at what the squadron was doing and where it was headed, and tried to match that against what group and wing leadership wanted to do throughout the wing.

I looked at the squadron vision and decided to add a short phrase to get my folks to think about where we as a squadron and a wing were headed.

Our vision originally stated, "We will be the nation's foremost optical space control unit."

We added, "with a duty atmosphere where personnel at all levels can lead."

I wanted to get our people – from the airman at the console to the commander running operations or mission support – to think operationally. But most important, I wanted leaders. I wanted my professionals, whatever their rank, to always think about the decisions they make and decide if they are the best decisions for them, the squadron and the Air Force.

To help them do that, the Air Force has provided three easy-to-remember "core values" to push us in the right direction: integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do.

Integrity must be our cornerstone, no matter what position we hold. It's our responsibility to step up to a challenge and do the best we can.

A proper vision from our leaders helps ensure we look at problems or consequences from different angles to make sure the path we choose is the right one, or at least the one we're willing to accept as ours. With the right vision, our decisions will be in step with our group and wing commanders.

Our leaders can't ensure that each of us will put service before self, though. With a clear vision, they can only try to make us think about this core value and its importance to people, crews, a squadron, wing and service.

Most of us who stay in the Air Force tend to think of it as a calling. Whether you've decided to become a career NCO or officer, or you are only in the Air Force for your term of enlistment, hopefully it was our lifestyle, camaraderie or the opportunity to serve this great nation that caused you to want to join.



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It doesn't matter if we're tracking launches and impact predictions at a warning site or satellites using a telescope, we all must do our best, which will help ensure we meet the USAF and 21st SW vision.

Our leaders' vision is what allows each of us to become dedicated men and woman who serve our country, quietly, day-in and day-out. I've seen that dedication over the past year at the 18th SPSS and in the 21st SW. The wing has consistently taken on every challenge and successfully completed the mission.

Compared to other Air Force career fields, our jobs may not seem sexy or glamorous. But our people's dedication to the mission and the nation is as important as any other job, perhaps more so. We ensure America stays on the cutting edge of technology, and light years in front of our nearest adversary.

As the motto of the 18th reminds us (*Semper Vigilans in Sine Alto*), the 21st Space Wing is "ever vigilant in the heavens."

## U.S. Army Space Command enters its teenage years 13-year-old ARSPACE welcomes commander during birthday ball



**By D.J. Montoya**  
U.S. Army Space Command  
Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Space Command welcomed its new commanding general, Lt. Gen. Joseph Cosumano, and celebrated its 13th birthday with a gala ball May 4 at the Wyndham Hotel in Colorado Springs.

Cosumano spent an eventful week in Colorado Springs, meeting members of Team ARSPACE, attending a space commanders' conference, and attending the ball, where he was the guest speaker.

Speaking before a crowd of 400-plus military and civilians, he touched on ARSPACE's beginnings and achievements.

"Space is a growth industry as evidenced by ARSPACE standing up three battalions in six years," he said.

"The first was the Satellite Control Battalion in 1995. The second was the 1st Space Battalion in 1999. And the more recent has been the introduction of the 193rd Space Support Battalion of the Colorado Army National Guard.

"I am particularly pleased to see the Reserve component involved in space. ARSPACE is truly a Total Army element," the general said.

He added that USARSPACE has made invaluable contributions in support of Army war-fighters in both contingency operations and major exercises.

"Today and every day, the soldiers and civilians of this command are on the cutting edge of normalizing space throughout the full spectrum of military operations."

As evidence of how important space has become, he pointed to the fact that the chief of staff of the Army has expressed a vision that is not achievable without support from space. According to Cosumano,

prosecution of all future conflicts will require support from space.

"As we transform today's military into tomorrow's full spectrum force, this is definitely an exciting time to be in the space business."

He expressed confidence that as the recommendations from the recently released Space Commission Report are enacted, "we are going to get even busier."

Cosumano said that the outlook for all the space organizations located in the Colorado Springs area could translate into big dividends to the local economy.

The U. S. Army Space Command was activated and organized to support the field Army on April 7, 1988. It absorbed the planning and support functions of its predecessor unit and assumed operational space missions. In 1992, USARSPACE became an element of the U.S. Army Space and Strategic Defense Command. In 1997, the Army established its newest major command, the U. S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, of which the Army Space Command is a major subordinate element.

## Want to be a paralegal: call legal to schedule a day

**By Master Sgt. Lisa Wagoner**  
21st Space Wing Legal Office

Have you ever thought about spending a day doing someone else's job, just to see what it's like? Maybe you've wondered what being a paralegal in the Air Force is like. If so, you're in luck.

The Peterson legal office has initiated a new program: Spend the Day with an Air Force Paralegal. If you are enlisted, and eligible for retraining, all you need to do is contact the law office manager at 556-1710, or e-mail ([lisa.wagoner@peterson.af.mil](mailto:lisa.wagoner@peterson.af.mil)).

Those accepted for the program will be paired with a staff paralegal who will show them what a typical legal office day is like. Paralegal sponsors will answer participants' questions and stay in touch with them after they're familiar-

ization day is over, to serve as a point of contact for future questions.

Today's paralegal specialists are more diversified than ever. They perform a multitude of tasks under the supervision of an attorney. Included among their duties are securing witnesses to appear at a court-martial, preparing a panel of members for administrative boards and courts, preparing Article 15 actions, and adjudicating claims against the government (including torts and medical malpractice suits). Paralegals also help attorneys with environmental issues, contract law and aircraft accident reviews.

If you are interested in challenging, rewarding, interesting work, being a paralegal may be for you. It's one of the fastest growing occupations in the nation.

For more information, contact the legal office and schedule a day with a paralegal.

## 'Around the world in 90 days' blasts off at Peterson

By Lynn Gonzales

Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

Peterson military and civilian members will have chances all summer to win prizes while participating in fun family events as part of the "Around the World in Ninety Days" Services promotion.

Air Force Space Command is partnering with Air Mobility Command for this summer's program. ATWIND is designed to encourage the military community to explore the variety of events and activities available at local Air Force bases.

AMC Services started the program three years ago to increase active-duty, Guard, Reserve and DoD civilian members' awareness of on-base summer and year-round programs. This year AFSPC will hold its own program that features a base-to-base competition

and cash awards totaling \$100,000 for bases achieving the ATWIND mission: get the most participants involved in the program for their command.

The program starts June 1 and ends August 31. To play, members participate in ATWIND-sanctioned events and programs such as health and wellness center fitness challenge events, family support center programs and summer youth art activities. Participation in these events earns game pieces that represent airline miles for travel to specific destinations. Once a participant reaches a destination, they are entered into the grand prize drawing. With five destinations, participants have a chance to enter five different grand prize drawings.

Grand prizes include vacation trips for two, desktop computer systems, color televisions, cash awards and a new automobile. In addition, partici-

pants can win instant prizes like T-shirts, televisions and cash.

"ATWIND offers something for just about everyone. It has become the premier summer promotion," said Col. Terry Mayer, AMC Services director.

Armed forces active-duty, Guard and Reserve members and their families, DoD civilians, retired military members and their families, honorably discharged veterans with 100-percent service-connected disability and their families, and former and/or surviving military spouses and their families are eligible to participate.

Peterson ATWIND participants can earn game pieces at numerous ATWIND events ranging from family swim day at the aquatics center to squadron bowling on Fridays. Game pieces are available for those who use the fitness center on Sundays, check out

a book from the base library on Tuesdays or have lunch at the bowling center on Tuesdays and the enlisted club on Thursdays.

At the community activities center, every Friday in June is ATWIND day, so patrons will earn game pieces for any purchase of events tickets, paid frame job or paid engraving job.

According to Kristen Speck, Peterson AFB commercial sponsorship coordinator, ATWIND gives people with different interests opportunities to play and win. People can win game pieces not just through participation in services activities, but through family support, chapel, shooting range, base housing and the education center.

For a list of participating activities, see the June issue of *Good Stuff* or call the services marketing office at 556-4598.



# Guardian Challenge 2001

## *Knights 'take to the field' at Vandenberg*



U.S. Air Force Photos

Led by Tech. Sgt. Timothy Winfree, the 21st Space Wing team engages in the tactics portion of security forces competition at Guardian Challenge. Guardian Challenge, the world's premier space and missile competition, is a four-day event hosted annually at Vandenberg AFB, Calif. to test the wartime readiness of Air Force Space Command's finest. The 21st Space Wing team went on to win the tactics portion of the security forces competition, and the overall security forces team trophy.



Airman 1st Class Kenneth Conkright, 821st Security Forces Squadron participates in the tactics portion of the security forces competition.



Above: Airman 1st Class Rocky Laprade, 721st Security Forces Squadron, maneuvers his way across the monkey bars portion of the obstacle course competition.

Above left: Winfree navigates his way through the "trench crawl" portion of the obstacle course competition.



Left: The 21st SW security forces team break through the finish line of the obstacle course event, to wrap up their participation in Guardian Challenge 2001. The 21st security forces team went on to win the overall security forces team title.





U.S. Air Force Photos

Senior Airman Rene Marvel, a chef with the 21st Services Squadron, prepares a meal during the chef food preparation event at Guardian Challenge 2001. The chef's events are in their second year of participation in Guardian Challenge competitions.



Above: Senior Airman Rene Marvel, left, and Airman 1st Class Frank Collins, chefs from the 21st Services Squadron, fire their M-16s during the chef marksmanship competition. The 21st team took second place in the marksmanship competition.



Left: Under the watchful eyes of an evaluator, Airman 1st Class Frank Collins carefully measures ingredients during the chef food preparation event.



## Happy 43rd Birthday NORAD

By JO1(SW) Beverly Allen  
NORAD/USSPACECOM Public Affairs

May 12 marked the 43rd anniversary of the North American Aerospace Defense Command. In commemoration of the milestone, a cake cutting ceremony was held at the headquarters building here.

NORAD is a bi-national command involving the United States and Canada. Established in 1958, NORAD provides warn-

Gen. Ed Eberhart, USSPACECOM, AFSPACECOM and NORAD commander, attended a celebration in honor of NORAD's 43rd birthday, at which he and other NORAD leaders cut and served cake to party attendees.



NORAD/USSPACECOM Public Affairs photos

ing of missile and air attack against both of its member nations, safeguards the air sovereignty of North America, and provides air defense forces for defense against an air attack.

The current NORAD agreement was extended last June for another five years and took effect Saturday, on the command's birthday.

More than 260 Canadians are based in the United States in direct support of the NORAD agreement; 120 in Colorado Springs.

## Unified space vault open for business

By Maj. David Johnson, U.S. Army  
CMOC Public Affairs

Two years of hard work culminated with an April 24 ribbon cutting and celebration in honor of the grand opening of the Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center's unified space vault inside Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station.

On hand for the ribbon cutting were Gen. Ed Eberhart, commander in chief, U.S. Space Command; Lt. Gen. George Macdonald and Maj. Gen. David Bartram, NORAD; Brig. Gen. Michael Gould, CMOC commander, and Brig. Gen. Simon Worden, USSPACECOM, as well as a host of professionals associated with the USV centers.

The new 4,000 square foot facility, with its mission of providing laser clearing and collision avoidance, consolidates three previous functioning vaults or work centers into one consolidated operation.

According to Navy Lt. Jeffery Lucas, Space Vault Analyst and lead action officer for this project, "it's a better and more effective way to operate and support our customers."

"It's all about customer support. By consolidating, it puts all of us in one spot."

And it was thanks to many of the vault's customers, which USV supports, that the project came to fruition, since many contributed money toward completion of this \$500,000 work center.

Under the old way of doing business, three separate space vaults located throughout the Mountain performed the mission that today's consolidated USV will conduct.

"We were separated in three locations throughout the Mountain and this separation affected our ability to operate all three space vaults adequately. This consolidation allows us to employ our personnel more effectively," said Lucas.

The new USV will house three special compartmental information facilities, three operations floors, two conference rooms, and a 21-member unified space operations division.

The USV grand opening was a long-anticipated event for the project supervisor.

Maj. Rhett L. Butler, USV chief, said this consolidation eliminates having to manage three separate locations in order to provide the professional service required by customers.

"Now we will have one focal point that centralizes all our unique capabilities that allows us to better serve not only CMOC, but also our customers who depend on us day-in and day-out," said Butler.

The USV does a lot of work behind the scenes supporting another operation within CMOC: the mission of the 1st Command and Control Squadron's Space Control Center, Butler explained.

The grand opening ended with Eberhart and Lucas cutting the ceremonial cake.

### Museum Opens May 30

Although previously scheduled to reopen May 15, due to construction issues recently identified, the Peterson AFB Museum will not reopen until May 30.

# Air Force to be honored at Coca-Cola 600

**WASHINGTON** — The Wood Brothers Racing #21 Ford Taurus, driven by Elliott Sadler and sponsored by Motorcraft, will display a special Air Force paint scheme for Memorial Day during the Coca-Cola 600, May 27 at Lowe's Motor Speedway, Charlotte, NC.

Although the Air Force already advertises on the traditionally red #21 car, Motorcraft wants to salute the men and women who have served, and continue to serve, with an Air Force blue car.

"We wanted to take the Air Force's participation a step further and show them our appreciation of what they do for this country," said Charles Kim, Ford customer service division Motorsport manager.

Elliott Sadler, the car's driver, said he is honored to drive this Air Force car.

"I feel it is a real privilege to represent the Air Force," Sadler said. "I just hope we will run as good as it looks so we can represent the Air Force the way it needs to be represented."

The Air Force is thrilled to have this car in

the race, said General John W. Handy, Air Force vice chief of staff.



(Courtesy illustration)

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"This is one of the biggest races of the season, and we are grateful to Motorcraft and the Wood Brothers for honoring our veterans and our current Air Force men and women and their families this Memorial Day," Handy said.

"We are honored to have the Air Force as a part of our team," said Eddie Wood, co-owner of the #21 car. "They recruit men and women with high ambition in life and form teams, just as we do in our shop."

The Air Force continues to use its involvement in NASCAR as part of its overall recruiting plan to get more young men and women, especially those with mechanical and electrical skills, interested in the service.

Featured on the hood and sides of the specially painted car is the F-22, the Air Force's next-generation fighter. (AFP/N)

## You could help set world record during YMCA run

More than 200,000 participants of all ages and abilities are expected to help set a new world record June 2 as part of the world's largest run - an unprecedented simultaneous 5K run and one-mile fun run/walk - at more than 1,300 YMCAs across the country. The event celebrates the YMCA's 150th anniversary and is intended to help people become more active.

The Colorado Springs 5K starts at 8 a.m. and the run/walk at 7:30 a.m. on the Monument Park trail at Cache La Poudre. Registration fees cover a commemorative T-shirt, childcare, kid's fun bouncer, medallions for kids, and other various prizes and

awards. Kids 5 and under are free and all proceeds benefit YMCA youth and family programs.

\* Everyone in the world who participate will begin at the same time, so runners in Puerto Rico will start at 11 a.m. while participants in Hawaii will begin at 4 a.m.

\* Children under 5 may do the fun walk/run free. Each child participant in the one-mile will receive a medallion.

\* Strollers will be allowed for the one-mile fun walk.

\* Registration fees: ages 6-12, \$5; 13 and up, \$15.

\* Prizes will be given randomly as well as to the top three male and female finishers in the 13-and-up group.

\* Runner safety requires that bikes, skateboards, roller skates, strollers, sound systems, and pets be excluded.

Register by May 30 at one of six local YMCA locations, participating runners supply stores or at the event. Call 473-9622 for information.



**Today** - Health fair, fitness center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

- Armed Forces Day 5K Fun Run, fitness center, 11:30 a.m.

**Monday-Thursday**

- 5-on-5 Soccer Tournament, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

- Shuffleboard Tourny at the fitness center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**May 25** - Walking tour of Garden of the Gods, \$10.

Wear hiking boots and bring a lunch. The community activity center will furnish sodas and water. The van departs the CAC at 10 a.m. and returns about 4 p.m.

**May 28** - Memorial Day, fitness center open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

**May 29-31** - Indoor volleyball tournament, fitness center, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**May 30** - Military retiree health and fitness day, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Events include a

walk on the Fit Trail, aqua aerobics, bowling, Cybex room workout, senior fitness survey with the HAWC, and a lunch and featured speaker at the enlisted club. For details, call Margie Arnold at 556-4598.

**May 31** - May Fitness Month closing ceremony, fitness center, 1 p.m. Prizes will be awarded.

### Ongoing Programs

Intramural soccer, Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; intramural softball Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. For information, call Les Stewart at 556-4475 or 556-7708. For information on spinning and aerobics classes, call 556-4462.

All May Fitness Month activities at the Fitness Center are free.

For more information on these events, call Christopher Hicks or Senior Airman Bonnie Miller at 556-1515.



## For your information

### News

**Family Advocacy Center:** A new beginnings class for expectant parents, covering physical stages of development for mom and baby, will be conducted by a family advocacy center registered nurse Monday, 1-3 p.m., at the base education center. Play group for parents and preschoolers meets Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-noon, in the base chapel. For more information on either program, contact Clifton Ford at 556-8943.

**Space symposium slated:** The Lance P. Sijan chapter of the Air Force Association will partner with Air Force Space Command to sponsor the Space Operations 2001 symposium. The ice-breaker will be May 23 and the symposium the 24th, both at the Broadmoor Hotel.

Symposium topics will cover the latest developments as the Air Force responds to the report of the commission to assess United States national security space management and organization.

Speakers include the commanders of Air Force Space Command, Air Combat Command and Air Force Materiel Command, as well as other key commanders and experts in civil and commercial space.

Discussions will cover space control, space launch, and protection of space infrastructure and the utilization of space assets in combat.

For more information, visit the chapter Website, [www.afasijan.com](http://www.afasijan.com), or contact Judy Arnold, [judy.arnold@lmco.com](mailto:judy.arnold@lmco.com), 622-2528, or Marcia Santucci, [mlsantucci@tasc.com](mailto:mlsantucci@tasc.com), 638-1305, Ext. 3001. To register, contact Arnold.

**TROA picnic set:** The Pikes Peak chapter of the Retired Officers Association will host a spring picnic for all members June 9, noon-5 p.m., at the Turkey Creek recreation area. For more information or to sign up, call Paul McKean at 282-0187, or Mark Milardo at 488-8531.

**Outdoor rec teaches kayaking:** A spring kayak pool class will be Monday, Wednesday, and May 25 and 30, and will cost \$30 for all four sessions. Enrollment is limited to five or six people. The first session meets at 7:30 a.m. at the aquatics center and the last three classes meet at 8 p.m. at the center. For details and to register, call outdoor recreation at 556-4867 or 556-4487.

**Golfers meet at Silver Spruce:** A junior golf meeting will be May 26, noon-12:30 p.m., at the golf course. Thursday is ladies' day at the course, from 7-9 p.m. For more information, call 556-7414.

**Spring Craft Fair:** There will be a spring craft fair Thursday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Schriever Air Force base. Table space is \$15 each. Interested crafters can call 567-5060 for more information.

### Family Support Center 556-6141

Classes are held in the family support center classroom, 135 Dover Street, Bldg. 350, Room 1016, unless otherwise specified. Registration is required for all FSC classes. To register, call the FSC at 556-6141 or stop by the FSC classroom.

**Volunteer opportunities:** School District 2 needs volunteers to help with two elementary school field days May 23, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at Centennial Elementary (near Academy and Chelton), and May 25, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at Monterey Elementary (near Circle and Monterey). Volunteers will be race starters, finishing order scorekeepers and announcers at various stations.

**Small Business:** Participants will learn the steps to establish a small business during this class set for Thursday, 8 a.m.-noon. There will be a \$15 fee per person for materials.

**Resume Review Class:** The employment team will coach participants to help them improve their

resumes and secure the jobs they want during this May 30, 9-11 a.m. class. Participants MUST bring a draft their resume.



**Job Orientation:** For an overview of the local job market and a look at how family support can help with your job search, sign up for this orientation offered Thursday and again May 31, 1-2:30 p.m.

**Sponsorship Training:** Sponsorship classes are conducted Tuesdays, 7:30-8:45 a.m., and training is required for all sponsors of military and civilian employees. Training will address sponsor responsibilities, on- and off-base relocation resources and more.

### Community Activities Center 556-7671

**Baseball:** Tickets to Rockies baseball games are on sale at the CAC. For more information, call 556-7671.

**Fly for less at FTC:** The flight training center offers discounts this month, including a \$10 per hour discount on all cross-country flights over four hours on May 26. Club members can save 2.5 percent at the FTC on charges of \$50 or more when paying with a club card. For more information, call the flight training center at 556-4310.

### Miscellaneous

**May Fitness Month Health Fair:** The May Fitness Month health fair is today, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the base fitness center. Booths will offer flyers and other products that cover a variety of products and services. Vendors represent local spa, wellness, and family fun center operations. For more information, call 556-4462.

**Strike Zone offers specials:** May is National Egg Salad Month and in observance of the occasion, the bowling center's Strike Zone Café special throughout May is an egg salad sandwich. Tuesday, in honor of National Maritime Day, the café will offer a fish special. Bowling center summer hours begin Sunday, although the center will be closed Sunday and Monday. For information on bowling center activities, call 556-4607.

**Skills center offers deal:** Balance four tires for the price of three Tuesday through May 25 at the auto skills center. For more information, call 556-4481.

### Calendars 556-7220

#### Youth center

Tonight: Teen lock-in, 8 p.m.-7 a.m.

Tomorrow: Teen video game-a-thon, 6-11 p.m.

Soccer, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

May 26: Soccer, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

May 29: Keystone meeting, 5:30 p.m. For details call 556-7220.

#### Fitness center

May 18: Armed Forces Day 5K fun run, 11:30 a.m., fitness center.

May 21-24: Five-on-five soccer tournament, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

May 21-24: Shuffleboard tournament, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., fitness center.

### Military Personnel Flight 556-7377

**Colonels, colonel selects:** The Air Force colonel matters office will announce projected vacancies and application procedures for summer 2002 AFROTC

detachment Commander/Professor of Aerospace Studies positions May 15. Application packages are due July 15. For additional information, refer to the AFPMO Web site: [www.colonels.hq.af.mil](http://www.colonels.hq.af.mil) or contact MPF customer service, 556-7377. Ask for bulletin 10.

**New hours of operation:** Walk-in hours for all work centers other than customer service (promotions, evaluations, separations, etc.) are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Only customers with appointments will be served from 8-10 a.m. The customer service counter will remain open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

### Enlisted Club 556-4194

**Fitness month lunch:** You can get points on your fitness month participation card when you order the enlisted club's fitness month lunch feature, turkey on rye, available May 21-25.

### Officers' Club 556-4181

**Live Maine lobster:** Reservations are required for the lobster dinner special set for May 25, 6-8 p.m. The menu will include a 1 1/4-pound lobster, tossed salad, vegetable and rice for \$14.95 per person. For reservations, call 574-4100.

**Gourmet dinner night:** It's gourmet dinner night at the officers' club May 26, 6 p.m. The menu will feature sliced tenderloin with a side of lobster Newburg, for \$35 per person plus gratuity. Reservations are limited to 32 people, so call 574-4100 to reserve a seat.

### Education Center

**Pikes Peak Community College:** PPCC is registering for the summer term. Term dates are May 29 through July 21. English Composition I, Western Civilization I and Principles of Speech Communications will be offered during lunch hour, 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m. LIT 121, Survey of Mythology, will also be offered during the summer term. This course will explore myths from around the world. For more information, call 574-1169, Ext.100. Pick-up a summer PPCC schedule in Room 112 at the education center.

**Colorado Christian University:** Tom Boven, academic advisor, Colorado Christian University, is available

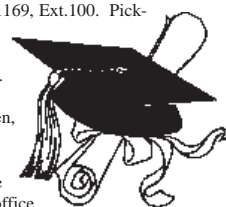
at the base education office Thursdays, 1:30 - 4 p.m.. He has previous experience with Air Force education programs and can discuss your CCU degree completion program. For more information, call him at 573-6166 for an appointment, or stop by his office Thursday.

**Education Fairs:** The base education office, in cooperation with many of the local area universities and colleges, will present an education fair at Schriever Air Force Base, just outside the cafeteria, Tuesday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Information on a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate academic programs will be provided. Another fair will be held at Peterson AFB July 13, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., outside the BX.

**University of Southern Colorado:** USC is accepting registrations for summer classes. Additionally, two weekend classes (principles of management and creating and leading organizations) will be offered this weekend and June 15. Call 574-3312 for more information or stop by the office at the education center.

### Commissary

**Commissary hours:** The commissary will be open May 29, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.



## STAR PERFORMER

**NAME:** Airman 1st Class  
Jeffery Carroll  
**UNIT:** 21st Communications  
Squadron Global Command and  
Control Operations Center  
**JOB TITLE:** Global command and  
control system administrator  
**HOMETOWN:** Altheimer,  
Arkansas  
**TIME IN SERVICE:** Two years  
**ABOUT CARROLL:**

Airman Carroll is responsible for day-to-day computer system operation and for its operational availability to support its missions. In that role, he identifies network problems and takes corrective action, handles users' problems (printers, login access, mail), and authorizes, establishes and maintains user identification, groups and passwords. In addition, Carroll ensures the Global Command and Control Operations Center is operated, used and maintained according to the trust-

ed facility manual, and applies operating system modifications. He is also responsible for building UNIX computer workstations, performing system backups, restoring data and ensuring the integrity of the system is not compromised.

An Air Force member for only two years, Carroll has surpassed his peers and training and knowledge of the UNIX operating system,

according to his supervisor. He has trained other military members and many civilian contractors on the system, as well.

He recently completed his 5-level training, testing out with remarkable high scores, his boss said. He also showed his talent in the field with unit and system improvements. Among other achievements, he devoted many hours to fix a mission-impacting problem with the classified GCCS system in Denver and at Peterson Air Force Base.



## GI Bill benefits increase this summer for eligible members

Some active duty members may be able to increase Chapter 30 GI Bill benefits by \$5,400 by making a maximum contribution of \$600.

### Benefit information

- Participants may contribute a maximum of \$600.
- Contributions are not refundable.
- The minimum contribution is \$20 and is made in increments of \$4.
- Contributions do not offer participants a tax benefit.
- Contributions increase the monthly Chapter 30 benefit by \$1 for each \$4 contribution.
- Contributions can be started and stopped at any time while the participant is on active duty.
- Maximum \$5,400 benefit is achieved by contributing \$600 and receiving 36 months of fulltime benefits.

### Eligibility

(requirements cannot be waived)

- This benefit is open only to active duty members who first entered active duty on or after July 1, 1985, and who elected to participate in the GI Bill.
- Eligible participants may make contributions at any time while on active duty. *NOTE:* Eligible personnel who were honorably discharged between Nov. 1, 2000-April 30, 2001 can participate but must elect to contribute by July 31 this year.

### Enrollment and contribution procedures

- Education center staff counsel members on pros and cons.
- Participant and staff complete DD Form 2366, which must include the statement "Authorized under PL 106-419 to contribute an additional \$600 (maximum) toward my existing GI Bill benefit. I understand the minimum contribution is \$20 with increases in \$4 increments. Contributions are non-refundable."
- Participant takes a copy of the form to finance and makes a contribution
- Contributions may be made by pay deduction, separation pay, in cash, by cashiers check or money order.
- Finance staff will confirm the contribution and provide the participant with a DD Form 1131 and/or annotate the 2366.

Go to <http://www.gibill.va.gov/> for more information.

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